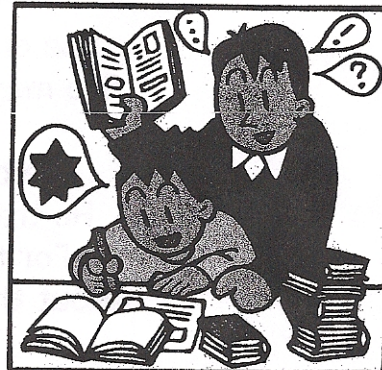




## How to Raise A Reader/Writer

1. Talk, sing & play with your child  
Expand on what your child says  
Talk through simple daily tasks  
Recite Nursery Rhymes  
Describe child's favorite activities
2. Make time to read together each day  
Bed time, naptime  
Don't forget time with Dad & Grandpa  
(boys may think of reading as feminine)  
Bring along books when running errands
3. Choose books with care  
Include child in choice  
Look for books that relate to child's world  
(vacations, new school, etc)
4. Surround child with reading material  
Subscribe to child's magazine  
Help child make books of their own
5. Slow down & have fun  
Don't hurry-pause frequently  
Comment and ask questions  
Follow the child's cues  
Try skipping predictable phrase letting child fill in blanks
6. Read it again & again . . .



## Parents Guide to Reading With Children

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| 0-6 months   | Any book that provides the audio stimulation of rhythmic sounds.  |
| 6-12 months  | Board books containing photos of familiar objects, rhymes and songs<br>Picture books  |
| 12-24 months | Picture books containing photos of children doing familiar things:<br>Sleeping, playing with animals etc<br>Books with few words on a page, typically bye bye & hello<br>Books containing rhyme & predictable actions |
| 2-3 years    | Stories about everyday experiences:<br>Going to school, to Grandma's, playing with toys<br>Simple text that they can memorize   |

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## T.J. Wrote on the Wall

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A weary mother returned from the store,  
Lugging groceries through the kitchen door.  
Awaiting her arrival was her 8 year old son,  
Anxious to relate what his younger brother had done.

"While I was out playing and Dad was on a call,  
T.J. took his crayons and wrote on the wall!  
It's on the new paper you just hung in the den.  
I told him you'd be mad at having to do it again."

She let out a moan and furrowed her brow,  
"Where is your little brother right now?"  
She emptied her arms and with a purposeful stride,  
She marched to his closet where he had gone to hide.

She called his full name as she entered his room.  
He trembled with fear--he knew that meant doom!  
For the next ten minutes, she ranted and raved  
About the expensive wallpaper and how she had saved.

Lamenting all the work it would take to repair,  
She condemned his actions and total lack of care.  
The more she scolded, the madder she got,  
Then stomped from his room, totally distraught!

She headed for the den to confirm her fears.  
When she saw the wall, her eyes flooded with tears.  
The message she read pierced her soul with a dart.  
It said, "I love Mommy," surrounded by a heart.

Well, the wallpaper remained, just as she found it,  
With an empty picture frame hung to surround it.  
A reminder to her, and indeed to all,  
Take time to read the handwriting on the wall.

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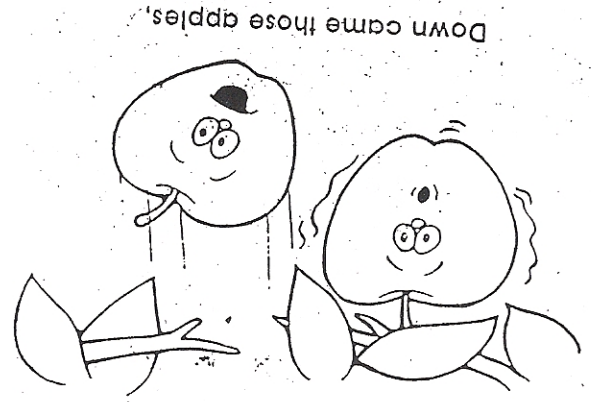
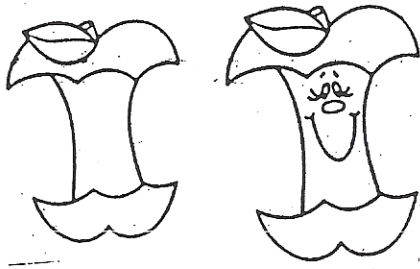


How to make your own folded b  
Footlong  
Hamburger  
Regular Hotdog  
Open Hamburger  
Cut fold to next line  
Back to footlong  
Boing, boing, boing  
Press into book



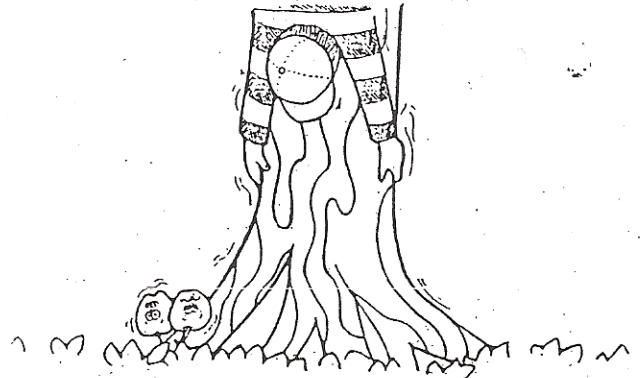


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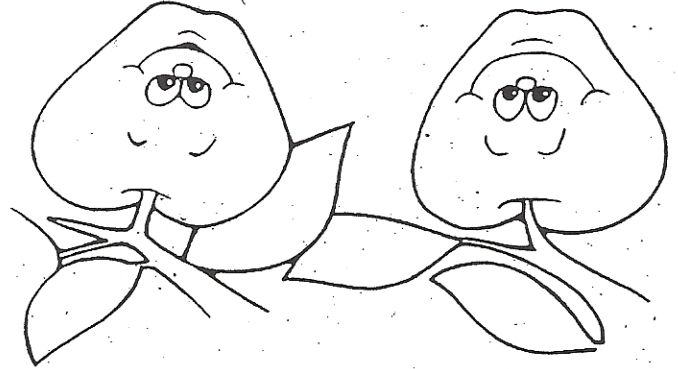


Down came those apples,

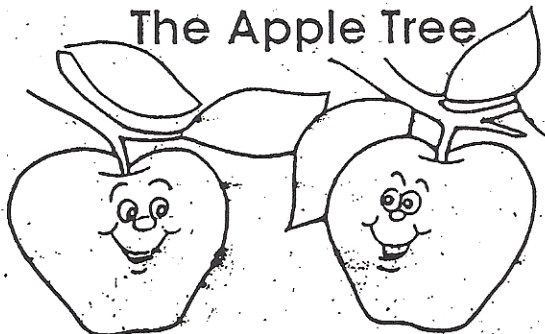
I shook that tree as hard as I could!



Two red apples smiled at me.



# My Little Book of The Apple Tree



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Away up high in the apple tree.

